Howland Wood - Curatorial

Bailey, Banks + Biddle Co.
[Dept. of Insignia]

1919-1930

[Philadelphia, PA]

March 11th, 1919.

Bailey, Banks & Biddle Company,
1222 Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Attention of Mr. Jennings Hood.

Dear Mr. Hood:-

We beg to acknowledge the return of the Army and Navy insignia exhibition. Whoever packed these things did not exercise much care as a great deal of the stuff was jumbled together in two boxes. Fortunately nothing was damaged though some of the gold embroidery suffered slightly. Certain things were not found on the check-up. Probably you had them mixed up with some of your things. They are:

Musician's Collar Insignia. (Cut-out, a lyre).
Officer's Motor Transport Collar Device.
Army Aviator's Breast Insignia in Metal.
Red Cross Enamel ~~Button.~~ Cap Device
Marine Corps Officer's Cap Device, bronze.
" " " " " silver and gilt.
Aide-de-Camp's Collar Device, bronze. Marine Corps.
Adjutant's Collar Device, Bronze. " "
Marine Gunner's Collar Devide, silver. " "
" " " " bronze. " "
Marine Corps, Second Lieutenant's Shoulder Mark.
" " Brass Buttons. 3 sizes.
" " Gilt " 2 sizes.

These things are on the list going to the Government.

I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

Curator.

The
Bailey Banks & Biddle
Company
Philadelphia

Department of Insignia

September
fourth
1919.

Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
New York;

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 30th is received and would advise order #33 bearing date of Washington, May 8th, U.S. Marine Corps, authorizes a ribbon commemoratory of expeditionary service. We are sending a sample under separate cover.

The ribbon itself represents participation in some one of the expeditions. Each additional expedition will be indicated by placing in the center of the ribbon, a metal numeral.

The expeditions are as follows:-

Panama--September, 1902; September, 1903; November, 1903; December, 1903; December,1904; December, 1905; May, 1906; June, 1908; December, 1909.

Cuba--1912-1917.
China--1911.
Nicaragua--1909, 1917.
Abyssinia--1903.
Korea- 1903.

We are advised that the Dominican ribbon is a combination of red and blue, colors arranged just the opposite to the Haitien, the last campaign badge which we furnished to the Navy for the Mexican service.

None has yet been issued for San Domingo.

Very truly yours,

The Bailey, Banks & Biddle Co.

Hood

JH.AMM.

COPY.

December 29, 1919.

My dear Mr. Hood:-

A correspondent of mine in Paris has just reported to me an opportunity of obtaining four French medals which are rare and important. It happens that I have already two of these in my collection but the owner of these medals will only sell the set of four together. I can therefore get the two which are not in my collection only by purchasing the whole lot which will give me two duplicates. The price is 1500 francs for the four medals, which at the present rate of exchange would come to about $45.00 for each of these medals. I have an option on these until the end of January and have wondered whether you would consider taking the two duplicates off my hands, at a reasonable price, with a view to disposing of them to other collectors with whom you have dealings.

The medals in question were struck in Paris in December 1915 to celebrate the "Journee du Poilu", of the 25th and 26th of December 1915. The artist if Hippolyte Lefebvre. The diameter of the medal is 55 millometers. The obverse is the same in both medals, representing the head of a bearded French soldier, in old-fashioned army cap, with rifle to his shoulder, and behind him the head of France with laurel leaves on her brow. Legend, "Patrie. La Poilu". The reverse side is different in the two medals. In the one case, the design is a laurel branch, with legend "25-26 Decembre, 1915". In the other case the design is of three fasces, crossed, with the letters, "R.F." superimposed in the center. Legend, "Journee du Poilu; 1914-1915". La Parlement". The latter, as I am informed, was made for presentation to members of the Chamber of Deputies. Both of these medals are in silver gilt.

These medals, never very numerous, have now become very difficult to obtain, and I am advised, are much sought after by collectors. If you feel that you could use these and will advise me what price you would be willingto pay me for them, I will then determine whether or not to make the purchase.

Yours very truly,

January 9, 1920

Jennings Hood, Esq.
The Bailey, Banks & Biddle Company
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 8th just at hand.

We are unable to give you any information concerning the decoration called the Purple Heart. We are familiar with the bare account of this that is copied in one article and another on war decorations, but have never been able to run down any more information, nor have we ever heard of a specimen of this turning up.

We have amongst our negatives a photograph of the star for grand officers of the Order of the Bath. Just at the present moment, I cannot put my finger on a print, but will have one made.

The two medals "Journee du Poilu" you speak about, do not interest us. We have several of these, but I think in a trifle smaller size, which are sufficient for our purpose.

The other day we received, directed to Mr. Wyman, a package containing one of the new Naval Medals of Honor in gold. This we do not know anything about, as no letter accompanied it, and Mr. Wyman is at present away. You may remember that you sent us one of these several months ago. Is this simply an error on your part in sending a duplicate, or is it something Mr. Wyman knows about personally?

I have not heard from you regarding the new Naval Cross. Is this ready for us to apply for?

Very truly,

Curator.

February 2, 1920

The Bailey, Banks & Biddle Company
1218-22 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sirs:

I have received this morning bill for one gold Naval Medal of Honor, the medal itself having reached here several days ago. Apparently the Navy Department has considered that Mr. Wood's correspondence and my own in regard to this piece, some months ago, was to be construed as two separate orders, we having already received one Medal of Honor from you, for which Mr. Wood paid some time ago. I am, therefore, returning the medal recently received, together with the enclosed bill.

Can you tell us whether the Navy Cross is yet ready for distribution? We have applied to the Navy Department for one of these, and are anxious to get it as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

Assistant to Curator.

(Enclosure)

February 3, 1920

The Bailey, Banks & Biddle Company
Department of Insignia
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sirs:

Your letter of February 2nd just at hand, and the gold Navy Medal of Honor that you sent on January 3rd, was returned to you yesterday. I did not return this at once, as I thought it was better to take it up with Mr. Wyman, who came back from abroad only the other day.

I trust this matter is now straightened out.

Very truly,

Curator.

February 3,1920

Mr. Jennings Hood
C/o The Bailey,Banks & Biddle Co.
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Hood:

Through a series of unfortunate delays, I have only just gotten our photograph of the Star of the Bath that you asked for in your letter of January 8th. It took us some time to locate it, and the package in which it was sent to us took ten days coming from lower New York to our place by our most efficient mail service. I trust this is not too late for your purpose, and if possible, we would like the photograph returned for our files.

Very truly,

(Enclosure)

Curator.

Department of Insignia

The
Bailey, Banks & Biddle
Company
Philadelphia

February
fifth
1920.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
New York.

Dear Sir:-

Your valued favor of the 3rd instant is received enclosing photographs of the Military Medal of the Order of the Bath, Jewel, Military Star and Center of the same Order, also page from a supplement of the New York Times.

I loaned these to our patron in Washington and have asked for their return as soon as they have finished their purpose.

Appreciating your courtesy, I am,

Very truly yours,

Howland Wood

JH/AMM.

Department of Insignia

The
Bailey, Banks & Biddle
Company
Philadelphia

February
sixth
1920.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
Amer. Numismatic Society,
New York.

Dear Sir;-

I am in receipt of a communication from a patron of the House who has been on a tour of the South American countries, and has brought to our attention the fact that many of the Achievements by Latin Americans in the lines of science and geography should be recognized by American Societies and fitting medals conferred.

He is affiliated with the Pan American Union .

May I have your co-operation in the compilation of this list?

Very truly yours,

James Hood

JH/AMM.

February 19, 1920

Mr. Jennings Hood
The Bailey, Banks & Biddle Co.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

As regards your communication concerning the Societies that might recognise fitting Latin Americans, Mr. Reilly I think took this matter up with you the other day while in Philadelphia.

I do not see how we can help you very much along this line, as we have never paid any especial attention to award medals by learned and scientific Societies. Also our staff is at the present moment so crippled by absences, &c., that it would be impossible to undertake any list on this order.

Dr. Kuna of Tiffany & Co. the other day was speaking to us on the same subject. We told him we did not see how we could help him.

Very truly,

Curator.

March 9th, 1920

Mr. Jennings Hood,
c/o Baily, Banks and Biddle
Philadelphia, Penn.

My dear Mr. Hood:-

We have this morning received from the Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department a letter in reply to various communications of ours. Among other things this letter contains the following paragraph:-

> "Referring to your letter of recent date in which you request a copy of the Navy Cross for exhibition purposes in your Museum, you are hereby authorized to purchase from Bailey, Banks and Biddle Company of Philadelphia one Navy Cross to be engraved "For exhibition purposes only".

I am sending this on to you for your files, but retaining the original letter as it relates to other matters.

May I thank you again for your kind words in regard to my little talk the other night. I hope you may often be at our monthly meetings.

Very truly yours,

Assistant to Curator

Department of Insignia

The
Bailey, Banks & Biddle
Company
Philadelphia

April
Twenty-first
1920

Mr. Howland Wood,
American Mumismatic Society,
155th St. & Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:

The photograph which you kindly loaned me of decorations, I herewith return. I just obtained the contract for the D. S. C. for the Navy, designed by Mr. Manship, and in the near future I hope to be able to deliver one of these to you.

Thanking you for the courtesy, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Howland Wood

JH/HH

Department of Insignia

The
Bailey, Banks & Biddle
Company
Philadelphia

April
Thirtieth
1920

American Numismatic Society,
Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Please find herewith enclosed check for Fifteen Dollars, ($15.00) for which please send us one medal each, King Albert and Queen Elizabeth of the Belgians, Prince of Wales and Medal Commemorating French and British Commissioners, 1917.

Very truly yours,

The Bailey, Banks & Biddle Co.

JH/HH

Enc.

The
Bailey Banks & Biddle
Company
Philadelphia

Department of Insignia

May
Fourteenth
1 9 2 0

Mr. Arthur C. Wyman,
The American Numismtic Society,
155th St. & Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wyman:

Your valued communication is received informing me of Mr. Wood's departure for Europe, am also in receipt of check returned, and note that the subscription for the three medals desired has been closed.

The Exhibition of Grand Crosses conferred on General Pershing has attracted wide interest. I was not aware that application had been made for the Exhibition of these decorations at your building, until in receipt of your letter, also through Mr. Merritt, who recently visited our establishment.

In reference to your inquiry as to whether it will be possible to secure a loan of the decorations, I am unable to answer, but if you desire me to make application in your behalf, please let me have full particulars.

Very truly yours,

John J. Wood

JH/HH

May 15th, 1920

The Bailey Banks & Biddle Company
Philadelphia, Pa.

Attention - Mr. Jennings Hood

My dear Mr. Hood:

I have your letter of May 14th. In regard to the Exhibition of General Pershing's Decorations, I do not know the details of our application for permission to exhibit them here at the Museum, as the whole affair took place while I was in Europe.

As I understand it, however, we applied for permission to show the Decorations of General Pershing and General March and understood that permission had been granted, when suddenly for some reason this permission was withdrawn. I have since heard that it was because we had asked for both sets. Perhaps some personal rivalry between the two men was the cause of the sudden change. At any rate, I am quite sure that it would be perfectly proper for us to re-apply; at least, insofar as General Pershing's Decorations are concerned and I, therefore, would be very much obliged to you if you felt you could take the matter up for us. Of course, we would not again make application for the Decorations of General March.

Very truly yours,

Assistant to Curator

W/E

The
Bailey Banks & Biddle
Company
Philadelphia

Department of Insignia

May
Twenty-fifth
1 9 2 0

Mr. Arthur Wyman,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th St.,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Wood wrote me with reference to the insignia for the American Field Service, I have since been making investigation regarding it, and enclose herewith a letter from Mrs. Cornelius Stevenson, Chairman of the French War Relief Committee, which may be of interest.

I am enclosing a letter from Dr. Franklin, who was a Lieutenant Colonel in the Ambulance Corps.

Please return these letters for our files when they have served their purpose.

Very truly yours,

JH/HH

May 27th, 1920

The Bailey, Banks & Biddle Co.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Attention - Mr. Hemings Hood

Dear Mr. Hood:

We have your letter of the 26th and the enclosures relating to the American Field Service Medal. Since Mr. Wood asked you about this piece, we have been able to get some very definite information in regard to it, together with a long statement from the organization which issued it. I should be very glad to send you a copy of this if you desire.

I hope you will be in New York soon and will come and make us a call.

Very truly yours,

W/E

Asst. to Curator

The
Bailey Banks & Biddle
Company
Philadelphia

Department of Insignia

June
First
1920

Mr. Arthur C. Wyman,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 155th St.,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Your esteemed favor of the 27th is received, and would be glad to have a copy of the information which you obtained in reference to the American Field Service Medal.

General Pershing's grand crosses were returned to him last week. The General was not in Washington at the time, but I spoke to his secretary as to the possibility of their being exhibited by the American Numismatic Society. I feel that I have received sufficient encouragement to pursue the matter further on my next visit to Washington. In the meantime please let me know if you would want to arrange for the exhibit this month.

Very truly yours,

Stanley Hood

June 15th, 1920

Messrs. Bailey, Banks & Biddle Co.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Attention - Mr. Jennings Hood

Dear Mr. Hood:

I have delayed somewhat in replying to your letter of June 1st as I have been a little uncertain as to what arrangements we could make for exhibitions in the next two months.

If not too late, I think we would be very glad to have General Pershing's Decorations at any time that it would be convenient for him to loan them to us, and would appreciate it if you could push the matter forward. Of course, I do not want you to make any effort that is not quite convenient for you.

I am enclosing copy of a letter relating to the American Field Service Medal. I think this will give you all the information with regard to this piece. I am not sending copies of the letters mentioned by Mr. Bleeker; they are merely the presentation letters that went with the piece when it was awarded.

Very truly yours,

W/E Enc.

Assistant to Curator

Department of Insignia

The
Bailey, Banks & Biddle
Company
Philadelphia

June
Seventeenth
1 9 2 0

Mr. Arthur C. Wyman,
The American Numismatic Society,
155th & 156th St. & Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wyman:

Your valued communication of the 15th is received, and would advise that I just recently received the letter from Colonel Marshall, aide-de-Camp to General Perwhing declining to make any further exhibition of the collection.

The Secretary to the General encouraged me in the belief that the decorations would be loaned again. I am sincerely disappointed in not having been successful in obtaining the collection for you.

Thanking you for your letter regarding the American Field Service medal, I remain

Very truly yours,

JH/HH

The
Bailey Banks & Biddle
Company
Philadelphia

June
twenty-seventh
1921

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway, Between 155th and 156th Sts.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

I have your valued favor of June 22nd, inquiring when the decoration of the Order of the Cincinnati which we manufacture, was authorized.

Would advise that the design was originally adopted in 1895. On June 17, 1902, a modification of the design of the eagle was made and a standard die adopted.

Copy of a memorandum, bearing the signature of the President General, Secretary General and Treasurer General is attached.

The insignia which we supply is therefore, the official insignia of the General Society but we understand that the Georgia Society have an eagle, which has been procured by some of the members of that Society. Thanking you for your inquiry, we remain,

Very truly yours,

The Bailey, Banks & Biddle Co.

JH/MER

Howland Wood

COPY

Society of the Cincinnati

Pursuant to the provisions of an Ordinance adopted at the Triennial General Meeting of the Society of the Cincinnati on May 9th, 1890, which prescribes that "the President General, Secretary General and Treasurer General, shall have the power to fix upon a die as a standard for the Eagle of the Order, authorize its procurement and settle upon the standard ribbon and place the issuance of all Orders (Eagle and ribbon) and Rosettes in charge of a General Officer, said insignia or any portion thereof to be issued only to members upon their respective applications and at a uniform price,"-

We, the undersigned, having duly considered the dies for Eagles of the Order submitted by different manufacturers, do, hereby, fix upon the die as a standard for the Eagle of the Order which has been prepared by the Bailey, Banks & Biddle Company, Goldsmiths, Chestnut and Twelfth Streets inthe City of Philadelphia, and authorize its procurement.

Dated June 17 1902

Winslow Warren,
President General.
Asa Bird Gardiner,
Secretary General.
F. Wolcott Jackson,
Treasurer General.

The
Bailey, Banks & Biddle
Company
Philadelphia

July
twenty-second
1921

American Numismatic Society,
155th & Broadway, New York City.

Gentlemen:-

We are planning to issue an illustrated brochure of Military Insignia and are interested to know if we can continue to offer for sale, the Peace Medal and if you will accord us the same terms, as in the past.

If so, please ship us 1/2 dozen of the medals.

Very truly yours,

The Bailey, Banks & Biddle Co.

JM/LMR

Peace medals on hand
Indian Art Co. stock medals
time not limited. 2 @ Allowance to dealers

MEDAL COMMEMORATING THE SIGNING OF THE TREATY OF PEACE

FROM THE MODEL BY CHESTER BEACH

ISSUED BY

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

NEW YORK

Shortly after the signing of the armistice on November 11th, 1918, The American Numismatic Society decided to publish a Peace Medal. In order to draw forth the best possible medal a competition was planned and fifteen sculptors of prominence submitted designs. From these models a Committee of Award selected the one illustrated on the first page of this folder. It was made by Mr. Chester Beach, one of the most eminent of our younger American sculptors. In his design he has provided a superb conception of what this world peace of 1919 symbolizes.

On the obverse Peace is shown with the palm branch and wreath of victory—a beautiful womanly embodiment. On the other side of the winged horse, there is the manly form of Justice—a figure of Right Triumphant. The helmet of conflict is still upon his head, but the sheathed sword shows that the battle has been won. At the side, the wreathed scales appear. Justice and Peace advance together. Above the longing for peace and justice, however, the treaty of 1919 is distinguished beyond all others by the earnest desire that in future, war may be eliminated. The powerful figure mounted on Pegasus expresses the idea of the League of Nations incorporated in this treaty. The clasped book

of the law and the dynamic outstretched arm need no interpreting—the forcefulness of the type and its virility suggest that henceforth the principles of righteousness will be in control. This thought is further emphasized in the fallen figure of destruction, whose torch is being trampled beneath the foot of Justice. In its lines, in its planes and in the composition this is a monumental design.

On the reverse is shown the palace of Versailles where the treaty was signed. The sun is bursting through the clouds of war and its rays light up the facade. The whole is framed by a decorative wreath. The inscription Peace of Versailles, 1919, and the name of The American Numismatic Society complete the design.

Members of The American Numismatic Society may subscribe for either silver or bronze copies of this medal. Through special action of the Council who believe that so fine a medal should not be limited to our membership bronze copies (but not those in silver), will be offered to others. The price for the silver medal has been fixed at ten dollars and that of the bronze at five. Subscriptions, stating the number desired in each metal, accompanied by cheques to the order of The American Numismatic Society, should be addressed to The American Numismatic Society, Broadway & 156th Street, New York, N. Y.

Edward D. Adams,
John I. Waterbury,
W. Gedney Beatty,
Sydney P. Noe,
Committee on the Publication of Medals.

July 26th, 1921.

Mr. Jennings Hood,
c/o The Bailey, Banks & Biddle Co.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Hood:-

As far as I know the Ponce Medals are still on sale and are offered on the same terms as originally. Mr. Hoe, who has been handling this matter, is in Europe but I expect him back about the first of September, therefore you can go ahead and insert the notice of these in your forthcoming brochure.

We have no bronze medals on hand just now but have a few out on consignment, and, of course, if we receive a sufficient number of orders can strike up some any time. I will see what I can do about collecting a half of dozen of these altogether.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

The
Bailey, Banks & Biddle
Company
Philadelphia

February
second
1 9 2 3

American Numismatic Society,
155th St. & 5th Ave.,
N. Y. City, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

We are endeavoring to procure the present address of Mr. Henry Reuterdahl, the Naval Artist, and would appreciate any assistance you can give us.

Thanking you in advance for this courtesy, we remain,

Very truly yours,

The Bailey, Banks & Biddle Co.

GAM/EMW

February 9th, 1923.

The Bailey, Banks & Biddle Company,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Attention of Mr. Meell.

Dear Mr. Meell:-

The only address we have for Mr. Henry Reuterdahl is c/o United States Navy Recruiting Bureau, 320 West 39th Street, New York. We secured this from the "Who's Who in Art" for 1922.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

The
Bailey, Banks & Biddle
Company
Philadelphia

August
thirtieth
1923

Mr. Howland Wood,
c/o The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway, between 115th & 156th Sts.,
N. Y. City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

We are in receipt of your valued letter of August 29th also Insignia of the Order of Lafayette, which we will have put in perfect condition and promptly return to you free of any expense.

Assuring you of our careful attention to your further valued wishes, we remain,

Very truly yours,

The Bailey, Banks & Biddle Company

JH/EMW

August 29th, 1923

Messrs. Bailey, Banks & Biddle
Philadelphia, Pa.

Attention - Mr. Jennings Hood

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing, herewith, a badge which has come apart. Will you kindly try to fix this up for us, and oblige,

Yours very truly,

Curator

WW/H
Enc.

December 7th, 1923.

Mr. Jennings Hood,
c/o The Bailey, Banks & Biddle Co.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Hood:

I understand that you have a plaster cast of one of the earliest designs of the Order of the Cincinnati, which Mr. Browne asked to have sent to us. I do not remember having received it, and trust that you will be able to tell us something about it.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

The
Bailey, Banks & Biddle
Company
Philadelphia

December
twelfth
1 9 2 3

Mr. Howland Wood
TheAmerican Numismatic Society
Broadway, bet. 155 & 156 Sts.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Your valued letter is received, and would advise that we forwarded the plaster of one of the original insignia, which was owned by Col. Tilghman, to Mr. Bauman L. Belden, and this, we presume, is the one to which Mr. Browne referred in his conversation with you.

Very truly yours,

JH:RB

Jennings Hook

The
Bailey, Banks & Biddle
Company
Philadelphia

February
fourth
19 24

The American Numismatic Society,
155th & Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Attn: Mr. Woods,

Dear Sir:-

The Manufacturer's Club of Philadelphia, held a Dinner on the 19th of January, at which the Hon. A.W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasurery, was the guest. He was presented with a medal made of fine gold, presented by the club. Each of the other guests were presented with a replica of this medal in bronze.

I though you might be interested to have one of these medals for your collection. If so, please let me know, and I will forward you one.

Sincerely yours,

J.H. Thompson

JH:KRB

February 5th, 1924

Jennings Hood, Esq.
Bailey, Banks & Biddle Co.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Hood:

Your favour of February 4th at hand in which you ask if we would care to have a copy of the medal issued in commemoration of the dinner held at the Manufacturer's Club at Philadelphia. In the same mail, we received one of these medals from your concern, and we are wondering whether you sent this or whether some one else requested that a copy be forwarded to us.

We are very glad indeed to add this medal to our Cabinet, and beg to thank you or whoever was instrumental in furnishing us with a copy very much for the gift to our Museum and for the courtesy in sending same.

Very truly yours,

Curator

The
Bailey, Banks & Biddle
Company
Philadelphia

February
sixth
19 24

Mr. H. Wood,
The American Numismatic Society,
155th & Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Your valued letter of February 5th received in reference to the Morris-Mellon Medal forwarded to you.

I felt sure that the medal would be of interest to the Numismatic Society, and therefore did not wait for your reply before sending same.

Sincerely yours,

JH:KRB

The
Bailey, Banks & Biddle
Company
Philadelphia

Office
of the Secretary
Jennings Hood

May
twenty-eighth
1 9 2 4

Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
155th & Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Do you have in your collection of medals any good specimens which might offer suggestions in the designing of a medal commemorative of the 100th Anniversary of the Historical Society? If so, could photographs be obtained of them?

Of course, it would be very helpful to have a few of the finished medals for the inspection of the Committee.

I am enclosing herewith a brochure on "Coat Armour", and would like to have a copy of your booklet on the "Art of Medal Making".

Very sincerely,

Jennings Hood

JH:KRB

Replied June 5, 1924

The
Bailey, Banks & Biddle
Company
Philadelphia

October
twenty-ninth
1 9 2 4

The American Numismatic Society,
155th & Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

We are writing to inquire if the French Foreign Legion have an insignia. If so, can you tell us where we can obtain a copy of it?

Awaiting your advices, we remain

Very truly yours,
The Bailey, Banks & Biddle Co.

JH:KRB

October 31st, 1924

The Bailey, Banks & Biddle Co.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Attention: Mr. Jennings Hood

Gentlemen:

Replying to your favour of October 29th, we do not know whether or not the French Foreign Legion has an insignia, and would suggest your writing to A. Chobillon, 21 & 22, Galerie Montpensier (Palais Royal), Paris, France, with regard to the matter.

Very truly yours,

Curator

27th December, 1927

Messrs. Bailey, Banks, & Biddle Company,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Will you please send to us your chart and list of prices for ribbons of United States medals and campaign badges. Mr. Anhalt, of this City, showed me one of these charts, and as we have inquiries now and then, we would like to have one on file. We would appreciate it if you could send us two or three of these charts.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 080 A-M

American Numismatic So. July 11, 1930

Mr. Howland Wood,
Curator, The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway, Bet. 155th & 156th Sts.,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 8th, relative to your desire to obtain an identification badge issued the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

The Bailey, Banks & Biddle Company, Philadelphia, Penna., manufacturer of the badges, have been authorized by this office to sell you a badge upon application, the name plate to be inscribed "For Exhibition Purposes Only". You will no doubt be able to secure the badge within a reasonable length of time after your application is made.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,
Captain, Q. M. Corps,
Assistant

The Bailey, Banks & Biddle Company
Jewelers, Silversmiths, Stationers
Philadelphia

July
fifteenth
1930

Mr. Howland Wood
Curator, The American Numismatic Society
Broadway Bet 155th and 156th Sts.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

We are in receipt of a communication from the War Department relative to furnishing you with a badge of the War Mothers, for exhibition purposes only. In order to make the bar in raised lettering it will be necessary to have a separate etching apparatus, and the cost of the badge complete would be three dollars.

Very truly yours,

The Bailey, Banks & Biddle Co.

Geo A Mull

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July 15,1930

Bailey, Banks & Biddle Company

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sirs:

Under date of July 11th, we have been notified by the office of The Quartermaster General, of the War Department, Washington, D.C., that you have been authorized by that office to sell us a copy of the badge issued to the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage abroad, and that said badge may be inscribed "For Exhibition Purposes Only" in place of the name. Will you, therefore, be kind enough to take our order for such a badge and bill us for same.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

The Bailey, Banks & Biddle Company
Jewelers, Silversmiths, Stationers
Philadelphia

July
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American Numismatic Society
Broadway Between 156th and 156th St.
New York, N.Y.

Attention Mr. Howland Wood

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Your communication of July fifteenth has been received and we have received authority from the War Department to furnish the badge. This will be prepared and forwarded within the next ten days, together with the bill.

Very truly yours,

The Bailey, Banks & Biddle Co.

Geo. Tuttle

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Aug. 27, 1930

Bailey, Bank & Biddle
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sirs:

We are in receipt of the gold star mothers' badge and await bill covering cost of same. Upon receipt of this we shall be glad to remit immediately.

Very truly yours,

Curator.